

Subj scattering powder, granules or pellets of a thermoplastic material onto the second substrate, after said second substrate has been applied over the first coating, to form a second coating

leading the thus coated substrates between a pair of belts of a low pressure double belt press;

applying heat to gel the coatings between the belts;

smoothing the gelled coatings between a pair of nipping rollers to provide a layer of desired thickness; and

cooling the layer.

Subj E14 2. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the substrates is a fibre matt material.

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 25, wherein the fibre matt has less than 100 g of glass fibre per m² of material.

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C2 6. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the gelled coatings are smoothed by leading the gelled coatings between a nipping means.

C2 Subj 10. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first substrate is defined by a lower one of the belts.

11. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second coating is of the same material as the first coating.

C2 Subj 12. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second coating is of a different material than the first coating.

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13. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first coating is of a saturation material to form, on heating, a saturation layer.

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14. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second coating is of a basecoat material to form, on heating, a basecoat layer.

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17. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the basecoat is formed by a method including the steps of:

scattering a basecoat-forming material onto a saturation layer of the first substrate;
leading the substrates between a pair of belts; and
applying heat to the belts to form a basecoat layer on the saturation layer.

18. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first substrate is defined by one of the belts.

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19. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 including the steps of:

scattering a first thermoplastic material onto a first belt;
applying the first substrate over the thermoplastic material,
wherein said scattering of powder, granules or pellets onto a first substrate comprises scattering a second thermoplastic material onto the first substrate ; and
further wherein said applying heat to the belts to gel the coatings comprises gelling the thermoplastic material to form a backing layer on one face of the first substrate and a saturation or basecoat layer on the other face of the first substrate.

20. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 19 wherein the second thermoplastic material forms a saturation layer and the method includes the steps of:

scattering a third thermoplastics material over the saturation layer;

~~Sub Obj~~ leading the substrates between a pair of belts; and

~~Sub Obj~~ applying heat to the belts to gel the third thermoplastic material to form a basecoat layer on the saturation layer.

~~Sub Obj~~ 21. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising a step, after heating, of leading the substrates over a smoothing roller prior to cooling.

~~Sub Obj~~ 22. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the substrates are cooled, after gelling, by leading the pair of belts through a cooling station.

~~Sub Obj~~ 23. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one of the substrates is a mineral felt.

~~Sub Obj~~ 25. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one of the substrates is a glass fibre matt material.

~~Sub Obj~~ 26. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the substrates are supported on one of the belts as it is led over the smoothing roller.

~~Sub Obj~~ 27. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising a step of leading the substrates over a smoothing roller, wherein the method includes the step of heating and/or cooling the substrates as they are led over the smoothing roller.

~~Sub Obj~~ 28. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 27, wherein the substrates are heated or cooled by heating or cooling the smoothing roller.

Subj 29 29. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 27, wherein the substrates are led over an infeed roller to the smoothing roller.

C&A 30. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 29, wherein the substrates are led over an outfeed roller from the smoothing roller.

31. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the substrates are heated or cooled as they are led over the infeed and/or outfeed rollers.